

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending. By this Amendment, claim 10 is amended.

In reply to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed on June 20, 2005 Applicant elects Group I (claims 1-9) with traverse for further prosecution on the merits. Further, claim 10 has been amended to depend from claim 1. Claims 1-9 are generic to the Inventions of Groups I and II. Accordingly, should generic claims 1-9 be allowed, claims 10-18 should be rejoined and considered by the Examiner.

Additionally, it is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of each of the designated inventions is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of each of the designated inventions would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining designated inventions. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP §803 in which it states that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the Examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to distinct or independent inventions." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicant and duplicative examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

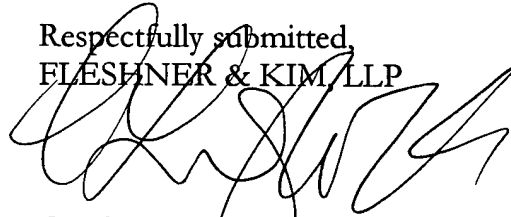
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this,

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